border areas of Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps taken to curb such activities; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Government is aware of the situation. Available reports indicate that naxalite activities in Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have registered some decline since 1992. This trend is, however, not visible in Orissa as yet. 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects. It is for the concerned State Governments to take concrete steps to improve law and order situation. At the Central level, action is taken to facilitate coordination of the anti-naxalite operations of different States and to improve flow of information useful for control of naxalite activities among the States. Further, assistance is being provided to the State Governments in terms of finance for modernisation of police, supply of improved weapons, deployment of para-military forces, etc.

Foreign Nationals Identified in the Border States

7761. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of foreign national so far identified in the border States of Assam, Tripura, Nagaland, Manipur, Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) how many names of persons found to be foreign nationals have been deleted from the voters lists in the above states; and

(c) what precautions are taken to ensure that genuine citizens are not harassed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Except in the case of Assam where special provisions are laid under IMDT Act, the State Governments have been delegated powers to detect and deport illegal foreign nationals.

(b) Revisions fo Voters' List is carried out in accordance with guidelines and procedures prescribed by the Election Commission from time to time. As the Electoral Registration Officers in the States are authorised under Registration of Electors' Rules 1960 for inclusion or deletion of names from the Electoral Rolls, no such data is maintained by the Ministry.

(c) In the existing rules and procedures as are laid down in this regard, adequate safeguards are provided to ensure that no harassment is cuased to genuine citizens.

Annual Report of US for 1993 on Terrorism

7762. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States in its 1993 annual report on terrorism has in effect accused Pakistan of continuing to support Kashmiri militants and Sikh separatists who engage in terrorist acts in India;

(b) if so, whether the Honourable Prime Minister had a chance to voice this grievance against Pakistan during his recent visit and urged the US Government not to support Pakistan in various ways to defer her to abandon an active/passive help to terrorists/ secessionists in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir,

(c) Prime Minister briefed President Clinton on Indian concerns regarding cross-border support to terrorism in India, particularly in Jammu & Kashmir. President Clinton shared the concern on this issue and agreed that all outstanding

issues between India and Pakistan must be resolved through bilateral negotiations, as envisaged in the Simla Agreement.

Creation of Rapid Action Force to Combat Terrorism

7763. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2836 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 1993 and state:

(a) what is the number of contingents of Rapid Action Force which have been created by Central Government to combat communal disturbances and places where these are located;

(b) the names of the State Governments which have taken action to create Rapid Action Force; and

(c) what is the percentage of minorities in the Rapid Action Force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) There are 10 battalions of the Rapid Action Force (RAF) which have been located in different States at Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Allahabad, Belgaum, Delhi, Aligarh, Trivandrum, Khat Khati, Bhopal and Meerut.

(c) Composite character of Rapid Action Force has been maintained by re-grouping and re-constituting personnel of CRPF in RAF and minorities are adequately represented.

Withdrawal of Security cover from Former Prime Minister

7764. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has since received communication from former prime Minister Shri V.P. Singh soliciting withdrawal of security cover from him and from members of his family if so, the details of the communication;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the wife of the former prime Minister has been insisting for continuance of security cover for herself and the family by SPG; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take on such requests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A letter dated 19th May, 1994 has been received from Shri V.P. Singh requesting for the withdrawal of the SPG cover provided to him.

(b) As per the SPG (Amendment) Act, 1991, any former Prime Minister or any member of the immediate family of the Prime Minister or a former Prime Minister may decline 'Proximate' security provided to him/her by SPG. No such request for withdrawal of SPG cover has been received from the wife of the former Prime Minister or other family members.

(c) Such requests required consideration of all aspects, including the alternative security needed for the protectee, for taking a decision in the matter.